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TO MR BARNES

SUBJECT WHITE PAPER

I have just read (hurriedly) the draft for the ~~sketch~~ white paper. The author's covering note indicates that he ~~is~~ considers even a white paper as a mechanism to reaching the lower classes rather than only the upper class now co-opted. The concept, and the way it has been carried out, is a stroke of genius. It gives this paper a transcendental importance.

Only nitpicking is possible. Now here a few brief items offered only in the sense that you may wish to indicate your close scrutiny by having minor suggestions at hand. Basically, this paper is ready for final draft (after the factual inclusions on the attached sheet, request by the author).

On page 4, where he is groping for the right word (reduction or dislution). The important thing is that the word calculated reduction makes it just right. Not only did the military feel betrayed, and begin to atrophy, but their reduction in strength and prestige was a calculated move by Fidel.

On page 7, and thereafter. In mentioning the defectors, ~~NAME~~ Miguel Quevedo, editor of Bohemia, should be mentioned. Ardent support and friend. When he defected even Castro admitted (on nationwide television) that his defection was a ~~a~~ "mortal blow". Thing this is important, because Quevedo is well known to those lower classes the paper is trying to ~~make~~ influence.

After the final talk about defectors, there might be a switch by adding the timely item that Pardo Lardizabal has defected. (This scheduled for today or ~~immanence~~ tomorrow in Mexico). Point is that Pardo is a crummy Goebels type of the worst order, the popular rabble rouser for Fidel on a ~~his~~ platform of violent anti-Americanism. Now, even those who might have been supporting Fidel because they were expressing a personal bias and prejudice against us are leaving the regime.

Nowhere does the paper mention that "The Year of Education" has now become known as the "Year of the Firing Wall". The terrible state of political prisoners might be stressed a bit more, for this is something every Latin has a dread of. In the bit about militia this might be parenthetically thrown in for a bit of drama: "In Cuba, blind militia children can be seen, marching hesitantly with their hands on the shoulder of the child before". (~~Maybe~~ There is a film clip of this ~~stuff~~ for proof).

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RECOMMENDED ADDITION: It is recommended that the following be inserted in the White Paper:

Immediately prior to a 13 March ⁶¹ speech by Fidel Castro at Havana University Faure Chaumont, the Cuban Ambassador to Moscow, told the crowd:

"The Cuban Revolution is loyal to Communism. We and the Communists go hand-in-hand. The students of tomorrow will tell how the Cuban people became Communist, and we shall see how all Latin American peoples will become Communist."

Fidel Castro "beamed" while this was said. In his subsequent speech there was no repudiation of the statement.

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